

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin,~~and~~
comprising:
_____ a neck; and
_____ a ~~body~~; body.
~~said-the~~ body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an
upper body and a lower ~~body~~; body.
~~said-the~~ upper body ~~containing~~ having a center of gravity of the container
when filled with ~~liquid~~; liquid.
~~said-the~~ upper body having a waist section having a cross-section that is
symmetric about two perpendicular axes and containing the center of ~~gravity~~; gravity.
~~said-the~~ waist section having a grip, ~~said-the~~ grip being structured not adapted
to absorb a negative pressure in the ~~container~~; container.
at least one surface of ~~said-the~~ lower body including a vacuum ~~panel~~; panel.
and
_____ the waist section having a diameter smaller than a largest diameter of the upper
body.
2. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein
~~said-the~~ waist section has a height equal to about 20 to 40% of a height of ~~said~~
the upper body.
3. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein
~~said-the~~ waist section has a depth of 4 to 15mm relating to the largest diameter
of ~~said-the~~ upper body.

4. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a height not greater than about 33% of a height of ~~said the~~ upper body.
5. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a width equal to about 35 to 80% of a width of a longer side of ~~said the~~ upper body.
6. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a depth of about 5mm or less from a wall of ~~said the~~ waist section.
7. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to 30.6 to 48.6% of a surface area of ~~said the~~ lower body.
8. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ lower body has a substantially flat label section; and ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to about 39.3 to 62.4% of an area of ~~said the~~ label section.
9. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.
10. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 9, wherein ~~said the~~ transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said the~~ vacuum panel.
11. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin, and comprising:
_____ a neck; and
_____ a ~~body;~~body.

~~said-the~~ body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an upper body and a lower ~~body;~~body.

~~said-the~~ upper body containing a center of gravity of the container when filled with ~~liquid;~~liquid.

~~said-the~~ upper body having a rib containing the center of ~~gravity;~~gravity.

~~said-the~~ rib being structured not ~~adapted~~ to absorb a negative pressure in the container and being structured to surround the container, and

at least one surface of ~~said-the~~ lower body including a vacuum panel.

12. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ rib operates as a grip.

13. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ rib has a height equal to about 2 to 10% of a height of ~~said-the~~ upper body.

14. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ rib has a depth of 2 to 5mm relating to the largest diameter of ~~said-the~~ upper body.

15. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to 23.3 to 42.0% of a surface area of ~~said-the~~ lower body.

16. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ lower body has a substantially flat label section; and
~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to about 31.3 to 56.2% of an area of ~~said-the~~ label section.

17. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.

18. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said~~ the vacuum panel.

19. (New) The container according to claim 1, wherein the cross section of the waist section is at least partially arcuate.

20. (New) The container according to claim 11, wherein the cross section of the rib is symmetric about two perpendicular axes and is at least partially arcuate.